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WINDY CITY — Tremendous gusts of wind blasted across Torrance Friday, uprooting trees, tangling television antennas and toppling telephone poles. Force of the wind, which at times was estimated to be 60 mph, is shown above. Gusts caused entire row of poles on Arlington, between 190th and Del Amo, to sway, snapping one pole off of the ground.

VICKERS WORKERS REPORT ALLEGED PHONE THREATS

Company Will Seek Damages, Restraining Order Against Union

Non-union workers at the strike bound Vickers plant reported that they had received threatening calls Thursday night and asked for police protection.

Requests were made by three of the workers from Torrance and Redondo Beach to police departments in the two cities.

Phone calls were the latest in a series of incidents between non-union workers and company officials versus the striking employees.

Several scuffles between

the two factions have been reported to Torrance officers. In the first a fist-fight was reported between a company officer and a picket following which a battery complaint was sought against the official.

In other incidents car windows have been broken and some shoving and mauling have been reported.

Company officials said that they would go to court March 16 seeking damages of \$125,000 plus

\$25,000 per day. Company charges mass picketing in violation of court order which limits the number of pickets to two each at the three gates. Charges were signed by Albert L. Stone, plant operations manager.

Company will also seek a restraining order which would prevent the mass picketing.

Union is seeking continuation of present cost-of-living schedule, closed union shop and sick leave.



TROUBLE SPOT — Strike bound Vickers plant, located on Lomita Blvd. between Crenshaw and Hawthorne, has been the scene of numerous incidents during the week. Last incident occurred Thursday when non-union workers re-

ported that they had received threatening phone calls. Company is scheduled to seek restraining order and damages in Los Angeles Superior Court on March 16.

NEW SERVICES ...

Local Leaders Launch '62 Red Cross Fund Campaign

Torrance business, commerce and industry and hundreds of residents have linked arms in an all-out campaign of support for Red Cross ... and the many community services it represents in the All-American city.

Chairman Ken Miller for the Torrance campaign reports that the quota set for this city is \$11,500. Five thousand dollars of this amount has been assigned to commerce and industry collection with Clarence Clark of the Bank of America in charge.

Business solicitation is being headed by Robert Lewellen and will total some \$1650.

Residential campaigners for Torrance are Mrs. Alpha Larrioux, South Torrance; Chic Cicchini, central area; and Don Robinson, North Torrance.

"March is the traditional month for Red Cross fund

raising to maintain services which vitally affect us all," declared Miller.

VITAL PROGRAM

Population expansion and medical discovery have created the largest blood program in the world in Los Angeles. Torrance volunteers regularly staff four community bloodmobiles and a number of industrial bloodmobiles each year.

"Hospitals have backlogs of patients awaiting heart surgery as soon as Red Cross can provide the blood," Miller explained.

Absentee Ballot Applications Now Being Accepted

Between the dates of March 12 and April 3, both dates inclusive, applications in writing may be made to the city clerk for "Absent Voter Ballots."

Any registered voter who expects to be absent from his precinct, or who will be unable to vote by reason of physical disability, may make application for an "Absent Voter Ballot" giving residence address in Torrance, mailing address to which the ballot is to be sent, and stating the reason for the request. Each person must make his own request over his own signature. A man can not sign for his wife, nor the wife for her husband.

SEARCH FOR DOG THAT BIT BOY SUN.

Police, health department officials and an upset mother today are searching for a large black dog, that looks "something like a boxer," which bit a 15-year old boy last Sunday. Youth was bitten in a car lot near Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Highway.

Mother of the boy, Mrs. Clifford Berry, 23437 Shadycroft, said that the dog was accompanied by a boy on a bicycle. She said that there is no intent to harm the dog; it will merely be quarantined for a short period.

Her son, Steven, will be forced to begin extremely painful Pasteur treatments tomorrow unless the dog is located. Anyone with information is requested to call FRontier 5-8912.

New City Maps Published by Local Chamber

Dr. Rollin Smith, board advisor for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that a revised city map has just been published. Through the cooperation of the city, new streets have been drawn on this latest publication.

Dr. Smith pointed out that the Torrance Chamber of Commerce handles inquiries from all over the United States daily. There are 8,958 more people in Torrance since the population census taken in 1960. As of January 1962, estimated population was 109,969. A number of new inhabitants in Torrance make their first stop in the Chamber of Commerce office.

FBI Report Shows Incidence Drop In Capital Crime

A rise in rape incidents and a drop in murder and robbery cases, puts the felony crime in Torrance parallel with the national trend for 1961.

In an annual report released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics show rape incidents in Torrance rose from a total of nine in 1960 to sixteen last year.

Murder, during this same period, dropped from five cases to three.

Burglary took a sharp hike from 1,169 to 1,183; robbery dropped from 46 to 39 cases; larceny jumped from 526 to 533; aggravated assaults, down from 48 to 42; and auto thefts fell from a total of 340 to 324 cases.

Local Community Chest Stages Annual Award Program, Installation of Officers

A capacity house is expected at the sixth annual Harbor Area Community Chest awards and installation dinner, 7 p.m., Thursday, March 22, at the Plush Horse Inn, 1700 S. Pacific Coast Highway, James Viscaglia, area chairman of the Community Chest board, said his week.

"Awards to generous givers and honors for volunteers for their part in the

1961 campaign will be presented," he said. "The bronze-plaque award will be given to those area employee groups that pledged at least 14 of one per cent of annual payroll to the Chest and firms will receive awards for generous corporate contributions."

Viscaglia added, "All volunteer leaders — section, division, and residential chairmen — who ob-

tained 100 per cent of quota will be honored for their part in the successful Harbor appeal that raised more than \$100,000 for 170 causes. Area trophies for best performance in various campaign divisions will be presented to winning volunteers.

Ed Corbin, vice president, Security First National Bank, a leading Chest volunteer, will install officers,



SAFETY MEASURE—First step toward fencing and filling huge clay pit located at 178th St. and St. Andrews Place, was taken Friday morning. Pit, which filled with water during recent rain storms, was the scene of the drowning of a 6-year old boy last week. Late

parents in the neighborhood had demanded city action in eliminating the hazard. Here Police Chief Percy Bennett and City Manager Wade Peables oversee installation of the fencing around the offending sump.



OVER THE TOP—Determined to put Torrance "over the top" in the 1962 Red Cross fund campaign is this group of five campaign leaders. Discussing fund plans at a recent luncheon meeting, left to right, are Jim

Post, Jim Cole, Mrs. Helen Lackey, Torrance area Chairman Ken Miller, and Commerce and Industry Chairman Clarence Clark.